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Title: Method and System for Assisting in Backups and Restores Over Different Channels.

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In response to the Office Action dated November 24, 1999, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.